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Claims 1-22 canceled.

20 23. A camera comprising:

a first lens for performing a magnification
operation;

a second lens for correcting movement of a focal plane during movement of said first lens;

lens moving means for independently moving said first and second lenses to be parallel to an optical axis;

extracting means for extracting a high frequency component from a video signal of a photographed object; and

first moving condition switching means for

switching a moving condition of said second lens during
movement of the first lens—so that a high frequency
component amount of the video signal changes.

24. A camera according to claim 23, wherein said first moving condition switching means switches the moving condition of said second lens on the basis of the high frequency component of the video signal.

## 25. A camera comprising:

a first lens for performing a magnification operation;

a second lens for correcting movement of a focal plane during movement of said first lens;

lens moving means for independently moving said

first and second lenses to be parallel to an optical
axis;

extracting means for extracting a high frequency component from a video signal of a photographed object;

second moving condition switching means for

switching the moving condition of said second lens so as to increase or decrease a high frequency component amount of the video signal on the basis of the high

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frequency component amount of the video signal during movement of said first lens; and

control means for controlling so that an angle formed between a first synthetic vector between the moving direction of said first lens and the moving direction of said second lens for maintaining the focused condition of said second lens during movement of said first lens and a second synthetic vector based on the moving directions of said first and second lenses prior to switching by said second moving condition switching means is set equal to an angle formed between the first synthetic vector and a third synthetic vector based on the moving directions of said first and second lenses upon switching by said second moving condition switching means.

- 26. A camera according to claim 25, wherein said control means changes a magnitude of the angle formed between the first synthetic vector and the second or third synthetic vector during movement of said first lens in accordance with a focal length.
- 27. A camera according to claim 25, wherein said control means changes a magnitude of the angle formed between the first synthetic vector and the second or third synthetic vector during movement of said first lens in accordance with a depth of field.

- 28. A camera according to claim 25, wherein said control means changes a magnitude of the angle formed between the first synthetic vector and the second or third synthetic vector during movement of said first
  - 29. A camera comprising:
    - a first lens for performing a magnification
      operation;

lens in accordance with an object luminance.

a second lens for correcting movement of a focal plane during movement of said first lens;

lens moving means for independently moving said first and second lenses to be parallel to an optical axis;

extracting means for extracting a high frequency component from a video signal of a photographed object;

third moving condition switching means for switching the moving condition of said second lens so as to increase or decrease a high frequency component amount of the video signal on the basis of the high frequency component amount of the video signal every time the high frequency component amount of the video signal reaches a predetermined level value during movement of said first lens; and

holding means for peak-holding the predetermined level value in accordance with a change in the high frequency component of the video signal; and Art Unit: 2862

hold releasing means for releasing peak holding of the predetermined level value.

30. A camera according to claim 29, wherein said hold releasing means releases peak holding of the predetermined level value when the moving condition of said second lens is switched by said third moving condition switching means.

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